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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed September 3, 2008, with respect to the above-identified patent application, the Examiner considered claims 1 - 30 to be subject to restriction.

In response to the Office Action and the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully elect the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, consisting of claims 1 - 9, identified by the Examiner as being drawn to a method for marking food products. Applicants are making the election with traverse, and respectfully submit that the remaining Groups (identified by the Examiner as Groups II - VI) do not each comprise inventions separate and distinct from each other or otherwise separate and distinct from Group I.

Further, Applicants respectfully request the retention of the right to rejoinder of claims in the non-elected groups, subject to the condition that such claims are presented by amendment as claims dependent from claims within the elected invention group.

Applicants respectfully submit that they have fully and properly responded to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the current Office Action. Should any questions arise in connection with the foregoing, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of 616/336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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